RECEIVED CENTRAL FAX CENTER

SEP 0 6 2005

PATENT

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being faxed to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (703) 872-9306 on the date below: 571 273 8306

Attorney Docket No.: CB-11

on What 6, 2005

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: ROBERT H. DAHLA et

Examiner: Michael J. Hayes

Application No.: 10/072,599

Michelle Nice

Art Unit: 3763

.

Filed: February 5, 2002

Tile: ELECTROSURGICAL APPARATUS AND

METHODS FOR TREATMENT AND

REMOVAL OF TISSUE

CONTINUATION APPLICATION AND RESPOSNE TO A FINAL ACTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box RCE Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed June 6, 2005 and made Final, the Applicants herewith file a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0359 for the RCE fee. As the period set for a reply is three months from the mailing date, this reply is timely filed.

In view of the present amendments and remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the Application is respectfully requested.